CS 880: Complexity of Counting Problems

Lecture 21: Claims 8.2-8.4

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Last time we stoped at the claim 8.2, where we showed

$$\mathbf{D}_{2,a} = \lambda \mathbf{D}_{1,a} \quad a \in K \text{ and } \lambda \in \mathbb{C},$$
  
where  $K = \{i \in [h] | \mathbf{D}_{1,i} \neq 0\}$ 

We ultimately want to show that the equality is correct for every a. Let us recal the vanishing lemma A that we will use it for the first time in this lecture:

For a positive integer k and  $1 \le i \le k$ , let  $\{x_{i,n}\}_{n\ge 1}$  be k infinite sequences of non-zero real numbers. In addition, let  $\{x_{0,n}\}_{n\ge 1}$  be a sequence with  $\{x_{0,n}\}_{n\ge 1} = 1$ . The following is correct for all  $0 \le i < k$ 

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{x_{i+1,n}}{x_{i,n}} = 0.$$

Vanishing lemma A Let  $a_i$  and  $b_i$  be complex coefficients of  $x_{i,n}$ . Suppose

$$\exists 1 \leq l \leq k, \text{ such that } a_i = b_i, \quad \forall 0 \leq i < l.$$
$$a_0 = b_0 = 1$$
$$\operatorname{Im}(a_l) = \operatorname{Im}(b_l).$$

For infinity many n,  $|\sum_{i=0}^{k} a_i x_{i,n}| = |\sum_{i=0}^{k} b_i x_{i,n}|$ , then  $a_l = b_l$ .

We start this lecture by defining

$$K_2 = \{ i \in [h] | \mathbf{D}_{2,i} \neq 0 \}.$$

Note that K may not be a subset of  $K_2$ , in which for  $a \in K$ ,  $\mathbf{D}_{1,a} \neq 0$  but  $\mathbf{D}_{2,a} = 0$  and by the claim 8.2 this means  $\lambda = 0 \in \mathbb{C}$ .

In addition, let

$$\mathcal{T}_{g} = \left\{ T_{1} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}, T_{2} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, T_{3} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix}, T_{4} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}.$$

We want to show

$$\sum_{T \in \mathcal{T}_g} X_{v,T} = \sum_{T \in \mathcal{T}_g} X_{1,T} \quad \forall v \in A.$$
(1)

To do so we show that for every g'

$$\sum_{T \in \mathcal{T}_{g'}} X_{v,T} = \sum_{T \in \mathcal{T}_{g'}} X_{1,T} \quad \text{where } 1 \le g' < g \text{ and } v \in A.$$

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And also if

$$Im\left(\sum_{T\in\mathcal{T}_g}X_{v,T}\right)=Im\left(\sum_{T\in\mathcal{T}_g}X_{1,T}\right),$$

then we can use the vanishing lemma part A to prove the equation (??).

Let us first consider all the  $T \ge_{\mu} T_1$  which by definition have  $\mu_b \mu_{b'} \ge \mu_1 \mu_2$  and thus have one of

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1\\1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1\\2 \end{pmatrix}, \text{ or } \begin{pmatrix} 2\\1 \end{pmatrix}$$

as their first column.

Among these, the matrices that have at least one 1 in each row  $\left(\operatorname{recall} T = \begin{pmatrix} b & c \\ b' & c' \end{pmatrix}\right)$  have this neat property that  $\mathbf{D}_1$  appears in both sum's of  $X_{v,T}$ 

$$X_{v,T} = \left(\sum_{a \in [h]} \mathbf{D}_{b,a} \overline{\mathbf{D}_{c,a}} \mathcal{H}_{a,v}\right) \left(\sum_{a \in [h]} \mathbf{D}_{b',a} \overline{\mathbf{D}_{c',a}} \mathcal{H}_{a,v}\right).$$

Therefore we can consider two cases for the  $X_{v,T}$ , either  $a \notin K$  and  $X_{v,T} = 0$ , or  $a \in K$  and the other **D** term is a multiple of  $\mathbf{D}_1$  so we are dealing with  $\mathbf{D}_1 \overline{\mathbf{D}_1}$ .

On the other hand, we showed that for any  $\mathcal{H}_{a,v} = \alpha$  is a root of unity whenever  $a \in K$  and  $v \in A$ . Therefore  $\mathcal{H}$  and its conjugate give us a product of a root of unity and its conjugate  $\alpha \overline{\alpha}$  which is equal to 1. Since  $\mathbf{D}_1$  is zero for  $a \notin K$  we can have

$$X_{v,T} = \left(\sum_{a \in [h]} \mathbf{D}_{b,a} \overline{\mathbf{D}_{c,a}}\right) \left(\sum_{a \in [h]} \mathbf{D}_{b',a} \overline{\mathbf{D}_{c',a}}\right) = \|\mathbf{D}_1\|^4.$$

Therefore we can conclude that the equation ?? is correct for these matrices.

Next we need to show that the imaginary parts are the same for every  $T \in \mathcal{T}_g$ . In this case we need to consider  $T_3$  and  $T_4$  as well. From the above discussion  $X_{v,T_1} = X_{1,T_1}$  and  $X_{v,T_2} = X_{1,T_2}$  and we only need to consider  $T_3$  and  $T_4$  which occur as the following sum

$$\left(\sum_{a\in K} |D_{1,a}|^2 \mathcal{H}_{a,v}\right) \left(\sum_{a=1}^{[h]} |D_{2,a}|^2 \overline{\mathcal{H}_{a,v}}\right) + \left(\sum_{a\in K} |D_{2,a}|^2 \mathcal{H}_{a,v}\right) \left(\sum_{a=1}^{[h]} |D_{1,a}|^2 \overline{\mathcal{H}_{a,v}}\right).$$
(2)

From this sum it is clear that the conjugates cancel each other out and the sum ends up to be a real number. Hence the imaginary parts for every  $T \in \mathcal{T}_g$  are the same and by using the vanishing lemma part A we conclude that

$$\sum_{T \in \mathcal{T}_g} X_{v,T} = \sum_{T \in \mathcal{T}_g} X_{1,T} \quad \forall v \in A.$$

Since the terms corresponding to  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  are equal  $(X_{v,T_1} = X_{1,T_1} \text{ and } X_{v,T_2} = X_{1,T_2})$ , therefore the sum becomes a sum on  $T_3$  and  $T_4$  terms that reaches the maximum possible amount

$$X_{v,T_3} + X_{v,T_4} = X_{1,T_3} + X_{1,T_4} = 2 \cdot \|\mathbf{D}_{1,*}\|^2 \|\mathbf{D}_{2,*}\|^2$$

Let us consider the sum in (??) and consider the conditions that the addition reaches this maximum possible value. To reach this maximum, not only the coefficients of  $\mathcal{H}$  must be constant, also they need to end up to give us a 2 (note that we consider the case when  $\mathbf{D}_{1,*}\|^2 \|\mathbf{D}_{2,*}\|^2 > 0$  because for the equal zero case the proof is trivial). Let,

$$\mathcal{H}_{a,v} = \begin{cases} \beta_v & a \in K_2 \\ \alpha_v & a \in K \end{cases} \qquad \alpha_v, \beta_v \in \mathbb{C}, |\alpha_v| = |\beta_v| = 1, \end{cases}$$

therefore (recall that K may not be a subset of  $K_2$ ),

$$\alpha_v \overline{\beta_v} + \overline{\alpha_v} \beta_v = 2,$$

which means  $\alpha_v = \beta_v$ .

At this point we proved the claim 8.3.

**Claim 8.3.**  $\forall v \in A, \exists \alpha_v \text{ of norm } 1, \text{ such that } \mathcal{H}_{a,v} = \alpha_v \text{ for all } a \in K_2 \cup K.$ 

We want to extend this to every a and show  $K_2$  is in fact equal to K and we can have  $\mathbf{D}_{2,*} = \mathbf{D}_{1,*}$  everywhere. To this goal, we first show that  $|\mathbf{D}_{2,*}|^2 \perp \mathcal{H}_{a,v}$  for all  $v \in B$ . Obviously if  $B = \emptyset$  the equation is true, so we can assume  $B \neq \emptyset$ . Let,

$$T^* = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2\\ 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathcal{T}_g$$

In the property 3 we saw that

$$\sum_{T \in \mathcal{T}_i} X_{v,T} = 0 \quad i \in [d] \text{ and } v \in B,$$

therefore  $\sum_{T \in \mathcal{T}_g} X_{v,T} = 0 \quad \forall v \in B$ . We use this nice property and consider  $T \in \mathcal{T}_g$  with  $\mu_b \mu_{b'} = \mu_c \mu_{c'} = \mu_2^2$ . To be in  $\mathcal{T}_g$ , a matrix can be constructed using the following columns

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2\\2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1\\s \end{pmatrix}, \text{ or } \begin{pmatrix} s\\1 \end{pmatrix},$$

where s > 2 such that  $\mu_b \mu_{b'} = \mu_2 \mu_2$ .

We divide the matrices in  $\mathcal{T}_q$  into two cases as follows:

**case 1:** Let us consider matrices  $T \in \mathcal{T}_g$  that have a row of the form (1 1), (1 2), or (2 1). Therefore

$$X_{v,T} = \left(\sum_{a=1}^{[h]} \mathbf{D}_{b,a} \overline{\mathbf{D}_{c,a}} \mathcal{H}_{a,v}\right) \left(\sum_{a=1}^{[h]} \mathbf{D}_{b',a} \overline{\mathbf{D}_{c',a}} \mathcal{H}_{a,v}\right) = 0,$$

we know that

- 1.  $\mathbf{D}_1$  restricts a to  $a \in K$ .
- 2. on  $K, \mathbf{D}_{1,*}$  and  $\mathbf{D}_{2,*}$  are equal to a complex number (could be zero) times  $\mathbf{D}_{1,*}$ . therefore  $\overline{\mathbf{D}_{1,*}} \cdot \mathbf{D}_{2,*}$  and  $\mathbf{D}_{1,*} \cdot \overline{\mathbf{D}_{2,*}}$  are equal to  $|\mathbf{D}_{1,*}|^2$  by a constant scale factor. Moreover,
- 3.  $|\mathbf{D}_{1,*}|^2 \perp \mathcal{H}_{*,v}$  for all  $v \in B$  (claim 8.1).

so the equality to zero is correct.

**case 2:** Next, let us consider the matrices  $T \in \mathcal{T}_g$  without the above rows. Using the definition of the matrices in  $\mathcal{T}_g$ , these remaining matrices are

$$T^* = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix}, T_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & s \\ s & 1 \end{pmatrix}, T_2 = \begin{pmatrix} s & 1 \\ 1 & s \end{pmatrix}$$

Considering the  $X_v$  of these matrices shows that they have the conjugate-pair form with non-negative values

$$\left|X_{a=1}^{[h]}\mathbf{D}_{2,a}\overline{\mathbf{D}_{2,a}}\mathcal{H}_{a,v}\right|^{2}, \left|X_{a=1}^{[h]}\mathbf{D}_{1,a}\overline{\mathbf{D}_{s,a}}\mathcal{H}_{a,v}\right|^{2}, \left|X_{a=1}^{[h]}\mathbf{D}_{s,a}\overline{\mathbf{D}_{1,a}}\mathcal{H}_{a,v}\right|^{2}.$$

Since the sum of these non-negative values is equal to zero, then all are zeros.

$$X_{v,T^*} + X_{v,T_1} + X_{v,T_2} = 0.$$

In addition we can conclude that

$$|\mathbf{D}_{2,*}|^2 \perp \mathcal{H}_{*,v} \quad \forall v \in B$$

according to the same reasoning as before, this means

$$|\mathbf{D}_{2,*}|^2 \in span\{\mathcal{H}_{*,v}|v \in A\}$$

and therefore  $|\mathbf{D}_{2,*}|^2$  is a constant on  $K \cup K_2$ . On the other hand, we defined  $K_2$  such that  $|\mathbf{D}_{2,*}|^2 \neq 0$  therefore this quantity is nonzero on K. Recall that on K,  $\mathbf{D}_{2,*} = \lambda \mathbf{D}_{1,*}$  hence we can conclude that  $\mathbf{D}_{2,a} = \lambda \mathbf{D}_{1,a}$  and also  $K_2 \subset K$ .

We have one more step to show  $K_2 = K$ . To this aim, we need to show that they have the same cardinality. Let  $\chi_K$  be the characteristic vector for K where

$$\chi_K = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{on } K \\ 0 & O/W \end{cases}$$
$$\Rightarrow \chi_K = \sum_{v \in A} x_v \mathcal{H}_{*,v} \quad x_v \in \mathbb{C}$$

and also by using the claim 8.3 we can have:

$$\begin{aligned} x_v \|\mathcal{H}_{*,v}\|^2 &= <\chi_K, \mathcal{H}_{*,v} > \\ &= \sum_{a \in K} \overline{\mathcal{H}_{a,v}} \\ &= |K| \overline{\alpha_v} \quad \forall v \in A \\ &\Rightarrow |x_v|h = |K| \forall v \in A. \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$|K| = ||\chi_K||^2 = \sum |x_v| ||\mathcal{H}_{*,v}||^2 = |A| \cdot \left(\frac{|K|}{h}\right)^2 = \frac{|A||K|^2}{h}$$
$$\Rightarrow |K| = \frac{h}{|A|}.$$

The exact same process for  $K_2$  gives us the equality of the cardinalities:

$$|K| = |K_2| = \frac{h}{|A|}.$$

By this we extended the claim 8.2 and showed the correctness of claim 8.4 as we define it here:

Claim 8.4 There exists some complex number  $\lambda$ , such that  $\mathbf{D}_{2,*} = \lambda \mathbf{D}_{1,*}$ 

The next step will be to extend this to have  $\mathbf{D}_{l,*} = \lambda \mathbf{D}_{1,*}$ . We do not go through this in the class but the explanations in the paper are clear to follow and understand.